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MEMORANDUM FOR: DD/S

SUBJECT : Special Allowances for Personnel Assigned
to [REDACTED]

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1. A memorandum from the Acting Chief, WE Support, dated 13 May 1957, relates certain facts concerning hardship conditions at [REDACTED]. A memorandum from the Director of Communications, dated 3 June 1957, states that the same conditions prevail at [REDACTED] and that any special allowances authorized for the former facility should also be authorized for the latter.

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2. Both facilities are in remote locations [REDACTED] where local housing is almost unavailable and travel over long distances is necessary for most employees to get to and from work and to do routine shopping. The price of gasoline is such as to make automobile commutation extremely expensive and public transportation is not available. Chief of Station, [REDACTED] has recommended that personnel be reimbursed on a mileage basis for the use of their private automobiles for transportation to work, to the commissary and to local markets depending upon where they live.

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3. This Office, by a memorandum dated 24 June 1953, approved reimbursement for transportation to and from work of Communications personnel at [REDACTED]. In accordance with that opinion this Office sees no legal objection to similar reimbursement in the [REDACTED] case. However, we note that the current recommendation includes reimbursement for transportation to the commissary and markets.

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4. In the instant cases we would recommend consideration of special cost of living allowances based upon the unusual expenses incurred because of the location of the facilities. EO 10100 authorizes the Director of Central Intelligence to provide cost of living allowances conforming to those granted by the Secretary of State pursuant to sections 901 (1) and 901 (2) of the Foreign Service Act. In addition that Executive Order provides that "The Director of Central Intelligence may prescribe such further regulations as he may deem necessary to effectuate the purposes of this order." Technically, if we are to comply with the terms

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of EO 10100, any special allowance should be prescribed by regulation. However, authorization of a special allowance being clearly in accordance with law and the application of the allowance here being very limited and based upon problems peculiar to the location of Agency facilities, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Special allowances may be based upon excessive transportation costs or other costs as he deems appropriate.

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